

St. Louis, MO—In response to indications that the Department of Defense is moving forward with a multiyear contract for F/A-18 Super Hornets, Congressman Todd Akin, ranking member of the House Armed Services Seapower and Expeditionary Forces Subcommittee, released the following statement:

“I am encouraged by indications that the DoD is moving forward with a multiyear for Super Hornets. A multiyear contract could save the Navy over half a billion dollars while providing stability for the workforce in St. Louis. An F-18 multiyear contract is good for taxpayers, for the Navy and for St. Louis. Secretary Gates should move forward with this multiyear contract promptly. Knowing where the DoD stands on the F-18 multiyear contract is important as we begin to mark up this week the National Defense Authorization Act for FY2011.”

Congressman Akin has been championing an F/A-18 multiyear contract for over two years as something that benefits taxpayers, the Navy and the St. Louis region. In 2008, Akin inserted language into the defense authorization act requiring the Department of Defense to report to Congress on the potential cost savings of a multiyear contract for F/A-18's. In 2009, Congressman Akin successfully added an amendment to the defense authorization act giving the Navy the authority to enter into a multiyear contract for F/A-18's.

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